

REMARKS

In accordance with the above amendments, claims 1, 3 and 15 have been amended and new claim 16 added.

The present Action was in the form of an election/restriction requirement in which the applicants were required to select a species from the following list of species which the Examiner believes to be patentably distinct:

a. Species A directed to pins that are integrally formed with said open lattice webbing structure; Species B directed to pins that are separately manufactured and fixed to said lattice webbing structure.

b. Species C directed to 7 pins arranged in a pattern; Species D directed to 19 pins arranged in a pattern; Species E directed to 37 pins arranged in a pattern.

In response to that requirement, applicants elect Species A of Group A directed to pins integrally formed with said open lattice webbing structure. Applicants further believe that claims 1-7, 10 and 13-16 all read on the elected species.

Applicants further traverse the election requirement inasmuch as they believe that all the species are sufficiently closely related that all the claims should be rejoined and commonly examined. For example, Species C, D and E relating to the number of pins in a pattern clearly are sub-species of either A or B. Species B is also believed to be sufficiently close to Species A that the claims directed to that species should also be

rejoined.

Early examination and allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

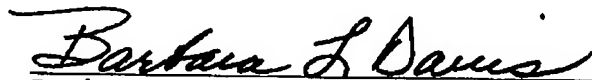
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment submitted in response to the Official Action dated January 28, 2005 and Transmittal Letter in application Serial No. 10/698,091, filed on October 31, 2003, of William J. Worrell, Jr., et al, entitled "PROPELLANT EXTRUSION DIE" are being sent by facsimile transmission to: The Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on February 23, 2005.



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